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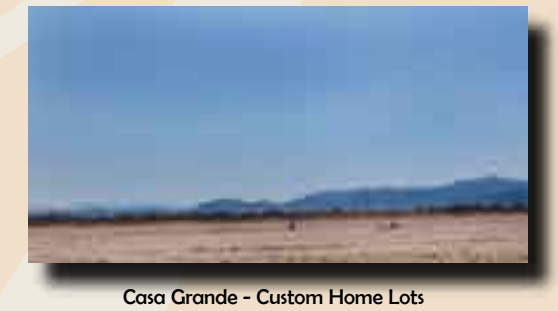

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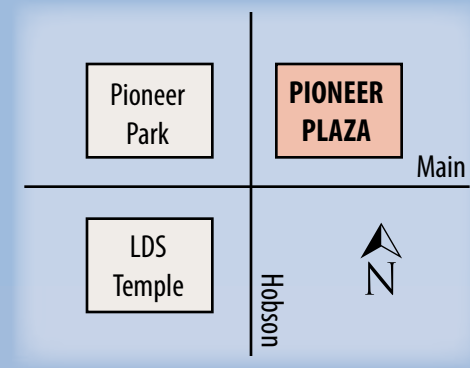

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COVER Story

New Temple Presidency

By Jill B. Adair
The Beehive

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The recently called Mesa Arizona Temple President, Tom Clark and his wife, Virginia, encourage members in Arizona to enjoy the blessings of the temple and to attend more often.

Ezra Thompson "Tom" Clark, Jr., 66, became the 18th president of the Mesa Arizona Temple on November 1, succeeding Albert Choules, Jr., who served since 2003. President Clark's wife, Virginia Meldrum Clark, is serving as temple matron. The Clarks live in the Enrose Ward, Mesa Central Stake.

Serving with President Clark are counselors Charles E. Jones, 71, of Phoenix, and Alvin R. Fulkerson, 61, of Lehi.

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First Counselor Charles Jones and his wife Ann.

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Second Counselor Alvin Fulkerson and his wife Nicia.

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President Clark says he is very humbled by his new calling. Although he didn't know his counselors before they were called to serve with him, he is confident in working with them.

"I knew through revelation that they were the ones who were to serve with me," he says.

Born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Ezra T. and Maude Erickson Clark, President Clark's family moved to Bountiful, Utah, where he grew up.

In 1960, he was called to serve in the North British Mission, but after six months the mission was split and he was assigned to the new Scottish-Irish Mission. There he met his future wife, as she was serving as a full-time sister missionary. After returning from missionary service, they dated and married in 1963.

Sister Clark, daughter of George Kenneth and Ruth Cluff Meldrum, was born and raised in Provo, Utah. She graduated from BYU prior to her mission.

President Clark attended the University of Utah, earning his undergraduate degree in 1964 and his law degree in 1967.

He practiced law in Salt Lake City for five years until moving to Arizona in 1972; working at the firm of Fennemore & Craig in Phoenix for 11 years. He opened E.T. Clark, Inc., where he worked as a consultant for the legal profession until retiring in 2002.

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- President Clark

"The people in the temple—workers as well as patrons—are just top quality; gracious, worthy, and helpful to one another."

- President Jones

"I've had a bad day at work before, but I've never had a bad day at the temple!"

- President Fulkerson

President Clark, a patriarch since 1999, has served in many Church callings, including bishop, a counselor in several mission presidencies, stake high councilor and temple ordinance worker.

Sister Clark is a former stake Relief Society and Young Women president, ward Young Women president, Young Single Adult advisor, temple ordinance worker and stake Institute teacher.

The Clarks have five children and 23 grandchildren. Together they served a mission in the West Indies from 2002 to 2004.

President Clark's first counselor is Charles Jones and, Brother Jones' wife, Ann Anderson Jones, serves as assistant matron.

Members of the Arcadia Ward, Scottsdale Camelback Stake, the couple has served in many capacities. President Jones has been a bishop, stake president, stake high councilor and mission president. Sister Jones has been a counselor in ward and stake primary presidencies and ward Relief Society president.

Born and raised in Lethbridge, Alberta, to Charles E. Jones, Sr., and Lorena Holman Jones, President Jones has ancestors who were among the earliest Saints living in Kirtland and were in the vanguard company that entered the Salt Lake Valley in 1847.

Sister Jones, a native of Safford, Arizona, has family ties to Andersons, Laytons, Claridges, and Barneys.

The two met while attending BYU and were married in 1958.

President Jones earned his undergraduate degree in 1959 and a law degree from Stanford University in 1962. She earned a degree in education and taught school early in their marriage.

They spent a year in San Francisco, where President Jones served as law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Joneses moved to Arizona in 1963, where he joined the firm of Jennings, Strouss, Salmon & Trask in Phoenix.

President Jones took a leave of absence from 1990 to 1993 to serve as mission president of the France Paris Mission. He had previously served as a full-time missionary in France from 1955 to 1958.

Three years after being released as a mission president, President Jones was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court and, in 2002, he became chief justice of the Court.

He retired last year upon turning 70, the Court's mandated retirement age.

President and Sister Jones, who

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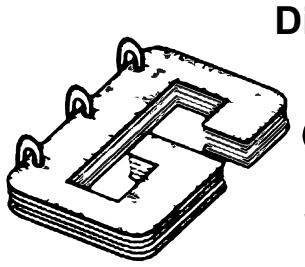
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recently served as temple ordinance workers, have seven children and 27 grandchildren. They both look forward to their new callings in the temple.

"Anytime we've had a church calling it has been a very positive experience and a remarkable time," says President Jones. "The people in the temple—workers as well as patrons—are just top quality; gracious, worthy, and helpful to one another."

The second counselor in the new temple presidency is Alvin R. Fulkerson. His wife, Nicia Beer Fulkerson, serves as assistant matron. The Fulkersons, of the Summit Ward, Mesa Lehi Stake, both were born and raised in American Fork, Utah, and attended the same high school. However, they didn't date until after he returned in 1966 from his mission to Florida. The Fulkersons were married in 1969.

He graduated from BYU with a chemistry degree in 1970, then attended St. Louis Medical School, graduating in 1975.

After an internship at LDS Hospital, he practiced as a general medical officer in the Army for one year, then spent three years of dermatology residency in Texas.

The Fulkersons lived three years in Germany while he worked as a dermatologist at an Army hospital and ran a clinic in Munich.

They returned to Arizona, spending a year at Fort Huachuca before buying a private practice in Mesa in 1984. He sold the business, Mesa Dermatology, earlier this year.

President Fulkerson served as stake president of Lehi Stake from 1994 to 2003. He's also served as bishop, counselor in a bishopric and stake presidency, high councilor and high priest group leader. Sister Fulkerson has served as ward Young Women and Relief Society president, and counselor in a stake Young Women presidency. Together they served as temple ordinance workers for two years.

The Fulkersons, who have five children and eight grandchildren, are excited about their new callings.

"I've had a bad day at work before," says President Fulkerson, "but I've never had a bad day at the temple."

As the new presidency assumes their responsibilities, President Clark has contemplated his assignment and the significance of the temple.

He says, "I have been reading again The Holy Temple by President Boyd K. Packer. …The following words of President Packer have been of great importance to me as I have thought about the world we live in: 'No work is more spiritually refining. …Our labors in the temple cover us with a shield and a protection, both individually and as a people'."

President Clark adds, "It is my hope that we will all attend more often and claim the blessings that have been promised."

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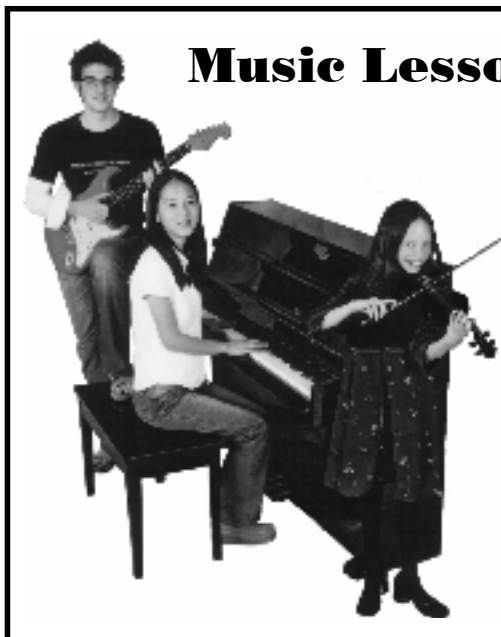
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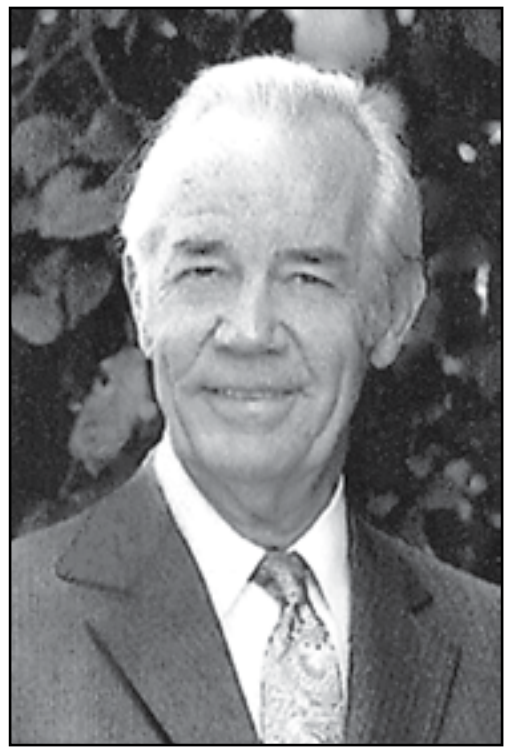

Photo courtesy of Virginia Peterson

Chester John Peterson, who died at 90 years old, lived a life of service to his family, community, country and church, including serving at Patriarch in the Phoenix North Stake for nearly 30 years.

By Tina Scott
The Beehive

Stake Patriarch Chester John Peterson, who died August 20, 2006, just two days before his 91st birthday, lived an exemplary life full of service to his family, community, country and church.

Patriarch Peterson, of the Phoenix North Mountain Ward, North Phoenix Stake, was born August 22, 1915, in Graham County, Arizona.

Presenting Chester's life history, his grandson John S. Peterson shared simple pleasures Chester enjoyed in his youth, including playing war games with leftover pieces of watermelon rinds. Growing up during the Great Depression, Chester learned to work hard and to use things until they wore out; a habit he continued through adulthood.

Chester wrote, "I learned the valuable lesson that it isn't what you have or don't have that brings happiness, but how you use whatever is at hand in creating the happiness you want."

Brother Peterson served in the Eastern States Mission and, while there, participated in the first Hill Cumorah Pageant, playing the role of Alma the prophet. He also was privileged to have Elder Bruce R. McConkie as a mission companion.

After graduating from law school, Brother Peterson was recruited as a Special Agent for the FBI and sworn in by J. Edgar Hoover. In 1941, he joined the Secret Intelligence Service (a precursor to the CIA), and worked for that agency during World War II. In that capacity, he learned Spanish and traveled undercover to Columbia, Uruguay, Mexico City and Guatemala before being assigned to New York.

In New York, he met and married Virginia Cardon Christensen, an accomplished singer. He later quit the SIS and moved his family back to the Gila Valley, where he practiced law with Jesse A. Udall. He served as bishop of the Safford Ward before the family moved to Phoenix where Chester joined a larger law firm.

Although in constant pain from a degenerative disease called spinal stenosis, Chester practiced law into his 80s, and then worked as a Field Agent for the FBI until just months before his passing.

His family remembers his smile and sense of humor, along with his love of gardening.

"Grandpa planted every season and many families have been blessed and nourished by his abundant produce," John notes.

"His garden is famous," agrees daughter Karen Mosley.

Family members and friends have memories of Brother Peterson making strawberry ice cream regularly; of baking his "famous carrot cakes" and delivering them to neighbors each Christmas; and of generously sharing his financial blessings with others.

"Dad was a very compassionate man," says daughter Rula Anne Prock. "He would do anything in the world for anybody."

Ordained as a Stake Patriarch by Elder Gordon B. Hinckley in 1977, Chester gave 1,220 patriarchal blessings during his lifetime. As a faithful temple worker, Brother Peterson served on Saturdays for more than 10 years.

Brother Peterson is also remembered for his testimony and example.

"I've come to realize that anything he has ever taught me has been motivated by his absolute love for me," explains Karen. "He endured to the end, living the way he felt in his heart was right and trying to help those around him find the answers."

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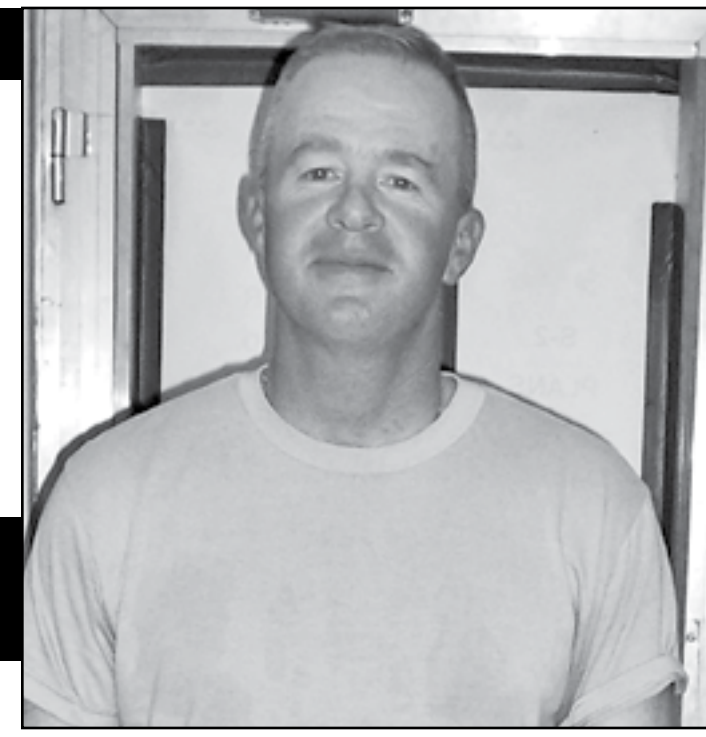

For his contributions as a soldier, including intelligence work that helped lead to the capture of Saddam Hussein and, years later, to the discovery of Abu Musab al Zarqawi, Harold "Hal" Engstrom, a graduate of Mesa's Westwood High School, will receive a Meritorious Service Award.

Photo provided by Hal Engstrom

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Five years since the events of September 11, 2001, prompted him to quit his Phoenix teaching job to join the Army, Harold "Hal" Engstrom is being honored with a Meritorious Service Medal for his successes.

Hal, the son of Ann and Gus Engstrom of the Mesa Stake, and a 1985 Westwood High graduate, served a mission, attended the University of Utah, and was married with a baby on the way when he enlisted and was assigned to South Korea.

When the baby was stillborn, Hal returned home for the funeral and, in what now seems more than a twist of fate, was reassigned to Iraq. By March 2003, he was in Tikrit, serving as a junior analyst in the unit providing intelligence support to the 4th Infantry Division.

Engstrom worked with others to comb through thousands of pages and catalog information about a complex web of tribes and families. They created an enormous pedigree-style chart, nicknamed "Mongo Link." At the center was a picture of Saddam Hussein.

After months of work, they discovered the link leading to Saddam's capture on December 13, 2003.

Brother Engstrom returned home in April 2004. That October, he and his wife, Beverly, welcomed their daughter, McKinley Marie, who was born at Fort Hood, Texas. By summer 2005, Engstrom learned he was going back to Iraq.

Hal says, by then, "All that remained of our great triumph in Iraq in 2003 were our historical files and documents and some leftover word-of-mouth accolades."

Still, he was given a "high and central position within the section," and speculation began.

"I think everyone was kind of waiting to see if what had happened before was just luck, was just a matter of me being on the right team at the right time, or if I could replicate that kind of success as an intelligence analyst in an entirely different unit," Hal explains.

He well remembers arriving in Iraq the second time. One thing, in particular, was eerily familiar.

"I had arrived back in theater with my boots on the ground on December 13, 2005, on the two-year anniversary of Operation Red Dawn, the raid that resulted in the capture of Saddam Hussein. This was either a monumental coincidence, if you believe in that kind of thing, or, as I interpreted it, a sign that good things were in store for me."

By April, things were, indeed, going very well.

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duced some good intelligence products that really laid out the networks, cells and personalities of the terrorists that we were dealing with in our sector," Brother Engstrom explains.

He created another complex diagram, called Mongo Link II, mapping connections to the "number one high-value target (HVT)" Abu Musab al Zarqawi, the al Qaeda leader in Iraq, notorious for beheading captured American contractors.

In June, al Zarqawi was tracked to a house north of Baghdad and killed in an air strike.

"As of now, most of what I contributed to this event is still highly classified, but suffice it to say that I played my part and am honored to have made a contribution that led to this event," Brother Engstrom says.

For his service and success, Brother Engstrom will be promoted from enlisted to warrant officer and will receive Meritorious Service Medal.

In letters of recommendation, commanding officers praised his "unquestionable" character and maturity, saying: "His ability to effectively analyze the enemy, determining patterns and probable actions while linking the enemy to organizations and other individuals, is unmatched. His efforts have led directly to the highest number of enemy high-value targets captured or killed…Sergeant Engstrom's passion for his work is legendary…"

While appreciative of the honor, Brother Engstrom is constantly reminded of the source of his success.

Recently, returning home for mid-tour leave, "It turns out that my plane was in flight over New York City about 9 a.m. on the morning of September 11," he says. "There below me, I saw the whole reason and purpose behind my decision to leave my teaching career and enlist in the service of my country to contribute my part in the war on terrorism. If that kind of moment had happened to me once, I might be inclined to call it a coincidence, but these kinds of events have happened with uncanny regularity throughout my time in the Army. Each time I experience such a moment, I am reminded and impressed ever more firmly that I was called into military service at this specific time for a purpose. Throughout this deployment—like in 2003—I have had many times when the promptings of the Spirit have been very powerful and unmistakable, leading me to act or think in ways which do not seem warranted by the facts and evidence with which I was dealing. Many of these promptings have led to very specific successes."

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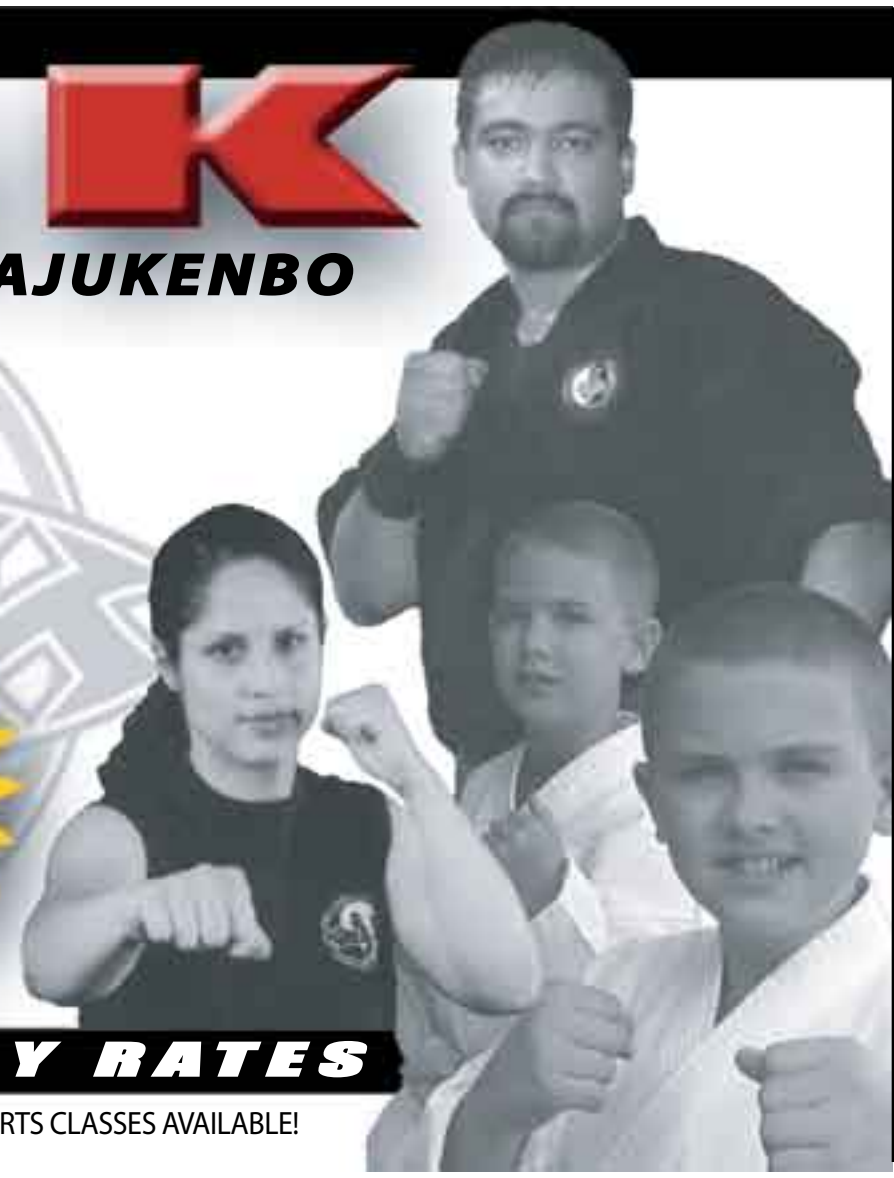

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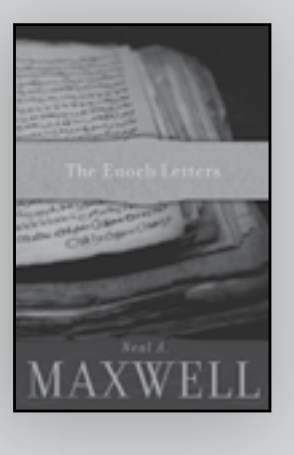

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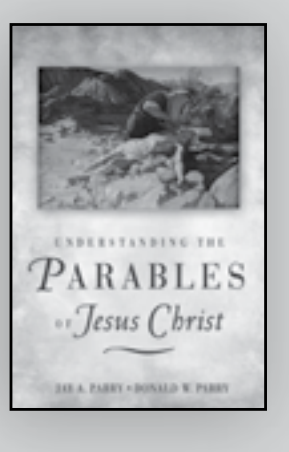

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"They're the best group [of volunteers] ever; they are extremely organized."

– Colleen Noecker, Peoria City employee in charge of project

By Rebecca S. McCormick
The Beehive

The Peoria Stake recently helped the City of Peoria with two events designed to serve the community. The stake first helped with the G.A.I.N Public Safety Night. Sponsored by the police department since 1993, G.A.I.N. is a free event that offers information about public safety.

The event's overall goal is "to get people out to get information. It is getting to know your neighbors," states Julie Miller with the Peoria Police Department.

Jay Davies, community services supervisor with the police department, explains that members from the Peoria Stake helped set up and take down the tables for the event.

"They have been very supportive of G.A.I.N.," Jay says.

Jim Walsh, a counselor in the stake presidency, explains that the stake has been involved with the city event for the past five years.

"We were initially asked to set up . . . we still continue to set up and take down tables, but now [we have] a table on 72-hour kits," Brother Walsh explains.

Also in October was Peoria Neighborhood Pride, an event the stake has been involved with for over 15 years.

The city and the stake depend on one another to make the event a success. It has become the stake's annual service project and the city's chance to revive its neighborhoods.

The city employee in charge of the event, Colleen Noecker, explains, "We go through the neighborhoods that are in decline and see if we can help them before they are in a state of non-repair."

"The city sponsors and provides funding and we provide the labor," explains Brother Duane Reeder.

"It is an opportunity to serve our fellow man," President Walsh says.

In past years, the city tried working on a large number of homes. That changed this year.

Colleen explains, "We reorganized this year. We are going back to the smaller groups because it is more intimate."

Buck Wright, the stake's volunteer coordinator, worked with Colleen while choosing a neighborhood and getting to know the citizens.

"There are 14 houses in the neighborhood, but we will only be doing work on 10," Colleen says. She adds, "We paint, we lay gravel, we trim trees, and we remove trees."

"We went to each homeowner and explained what we would and would not do," says Buck, noting that the homeowners were "very receptive and very appreciative."

President Walsh says one goal of these service projects is to "become visible in the community and to demonstrate that we are reliable."

By helping with these events, members of the Church are becoming an asset to the city.

Colleen Noecker says, "They're the best group [of volunteers] ever; they are extremely organized."

President Walsh says the stake has adopted the pioneers' pattern of organization.

"We have team captains. We organize like Brigham Young did with the handcart companies."

Members from each ward in the stake were called as "captains." Brother Wright coordinated with the captains, who then organized the efforts within their wards and managed the work at their ward's assigned home.

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Queen Creek Stake project supports "Care For Life"

By Julia Griffin
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Their finished handiwork, including more than 1,000 t-shirt dresses, was used to decorate the cultural hall as the Relief Society sisters of the Queen Creek Stake culminated a six-week project to complete the items for Care for Life, a non-profit organization that helps orphans and families in Mozambique.

For sisters in the Queen Creek Stake, the General Relief Society Meeting broadcast in September held significant meaning as it also marked the culmination of a six-week project of sacrifice, service and sisterhood.

The project was designed to contribute to people in need, particularly to orphans in Mozambique through the nonprofit organization, Care For Life (CFL).

In a special session prior to the broadcast, Stake Relief Society President Brookie Dickerson, of the Cortina Ward, spoke about the project and a DVD was shown to acquaint the sisters with CFL and its mission. A group of Young Single Adult women sang a medley of Primary songs, while a video of African children was shown.

After the General Relief Society Meeting, Sister Dickerson spoke briefly thanking everyone who participated and invited them into the Cultural Hall for refreshments.

As the curtains at the back of the chapel opened, the women all stood.

"Everyone turned around and gave a collective gasp. They were very touched by what they saw. Many had tears running down their cheeks," said Heather Rice, of the Haws Ward.

The hall portrayed a colorful African setting, with artificial palm trees and other decorations. African music played in the background and pictures of Mozambican children and families lined the walls.

The greatest impact came as the sisters saw the results of their own handiwork woven into the decorations, as 1,000 colorful tee-shirt dresses were hung across the room and on walls, displayed in circular flower patterns. Many baskets and bins, and an entire tent, were full of donated underwear for girls and boys, cloth diapers, plastic pants, diaper pins, washcloths, toothbrushes and bars of soap.

"When the sisters saw for the first time all that they had accomplished, they were in awe. The spirit of love was overpoweringly strong in each of our hearts. We felt humbled and blessed to be part of such a wonderful humanitarian adventure," Sister Dickerson noted.

As stake president, Russell Richardson, observed those attending, he remarked, "Isn't this amazing? Look at the sisters. This night they will remember for years to come."

Sister Dickerson explained that families had been urged to sacrifice as they participated.

"I knew that if sacrifice was a part of the giving, not only would the people of Mozambique be blessed, but so would we," said Sister Dickerson.

As a result, children helped their parents, many learned basic sewing skills, and others worked and donated their money. Many families found they could give more than they first thought.

"It was such an overwhelming spiritual experience," says Sister Rice.

Stake Relief Society Secretary Rosalynn Gorski agrees.

"The humanitarian project was truly a huge blessing to all of our sisters in Queen Creek Stake," she said.

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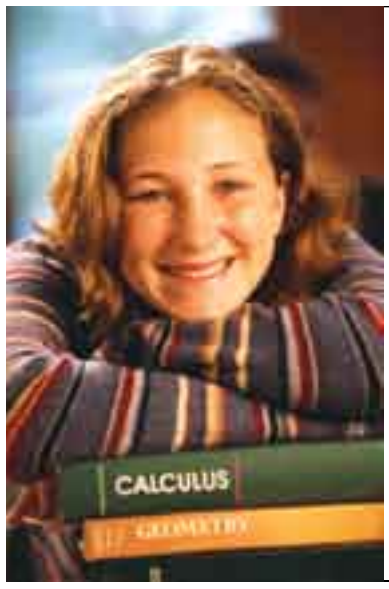

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ARIZONA RIDERS TO SHOWCASE HISTORY in ROSE PARADE

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Members of the Cowgirls Historical Foundation Riders who will ride in the 2007 Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day are (from l to r on front row) Shanda Brady-Riggs, Wylene Wilson, Marjon Brady-Brown, Julee Brady, Taryn Brady; and (back row) Chelsea Neese, Amanda Gomez, Kelly Bennett. Other members not pictured who will ride in the Rose Parade are Kelsee Brady and Wenda Wilson.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Millions of viewers worldwide will witness a tribute to western traditions when the Cowgirls Historical Foundation Riders ride in the 2007 Tournament of Roses Parade.

One of the most widely viewed events in the world, the annual New Year's Day parade captures an audience of 90 million viewers in the United States as well as 325 million more in 100 countries around the world.

Julee Brady, of the Valley View Ward, Citrus Heights Stake, and one of 10 members of the group selected to ride in the parade, says the mission of the Cowgirls Historical Foundation is to serve as ambassadors through education and advocacy.

She says the group represents a "talented, experienced group of horsewomen who are highly respected in representing the Western equestrian way of life."

"We are invited to do a lot of different things, and we are always prepared to support charities or appear at an event," Sister Brady explains.

Most recently the group participated in the Ride for the Walk, a first-time trial ride planned in conjunction with the Walk for the Cure for breast cancer. In October, the group held a fundraiser for developmentally challenged and handicapped riders and, in November, they rode in the Gilbert Days parade.

In such events, the group showcases vintage items, including rare and rhinestone-studded Western wear, collectable tack, and silver parade saddles, with many of the items more than 50 years old.

Riders on the Cowgirls Historical Foundation Team have garnered many individual equestrian awards, rodeo queen titles, and parade trophies, including Featured Riders, Most Impressive Riding Group, Best Mounted Group, and many other distinctions, including several awards for the community service.

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Annual Christmas lights display combines tradition and new touches

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Hundreds of thousands of colorful Christmas lights adorn the Mesa Temple Garden for its annual Christmas light celebration.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

It's a tradition with so much that remains the same, but with a touch of newness each year. Families across Arizona as well as visitors from many parts of the world are drawn to the Mesa Arizona Temple grounds each Christmas season to experience the magnificent lights display, the awe-inspiring scenes and the spirit-filled musical performances.

In this, the 27th year of the Temple Garden Christmas lights, some one million visitors are again expected to tour the display titled, *Celebrate the Life of Christ in Lights and Music.*

The opening ceremony and official lighting will be Friday, November 24 at 7 p.m. The gardens will be lit from 5:30 until 10 p.m. each night through January 1, 2007; and free half-hour concerts, featuring a variety of groups and musical styles, will be presented at 7 p.m. each evening, through December 31.

Among this year's concerts will be return performances by several groups, including the Phoenix Police Department Honor Chorus, Carlos Rivas y Mex-Sal, and a live nativity by the Udall Family on Christmas Eve.

The 10 new groups performing this year include professional musicians such as the Sterling and Michele Baer family from Mesa, and the Dutton Family from Branson, Missouri.

"The Duttons come to Arizona in the winter to perform for several months," says Alayne Favreau, program chairman. "Their performances are breathtaking, incredibly entertaining."

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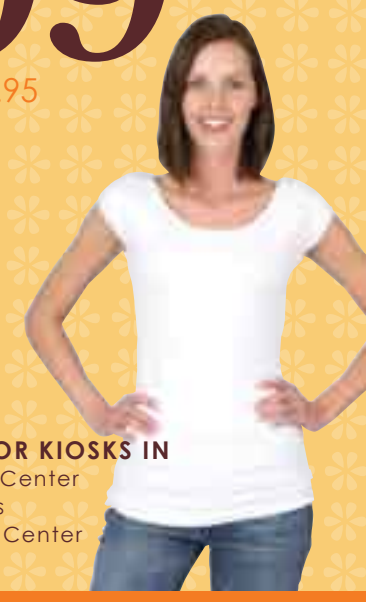

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The Phoenix Police Department Honor Chorus will return this year, performing on November 30 as one of the selected groups that will present free concerts each night during the Mesa Temple Garden Christmas Lights Display.

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On two nights, Spanish performances will be presented as part of the Mesa Temple Garden Christmas Lights Display free concert series, with Carlos Rivas y Mex-Sal performing on December 21 and Navidad en Espanol on December 26.

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Annual Christmas Lights
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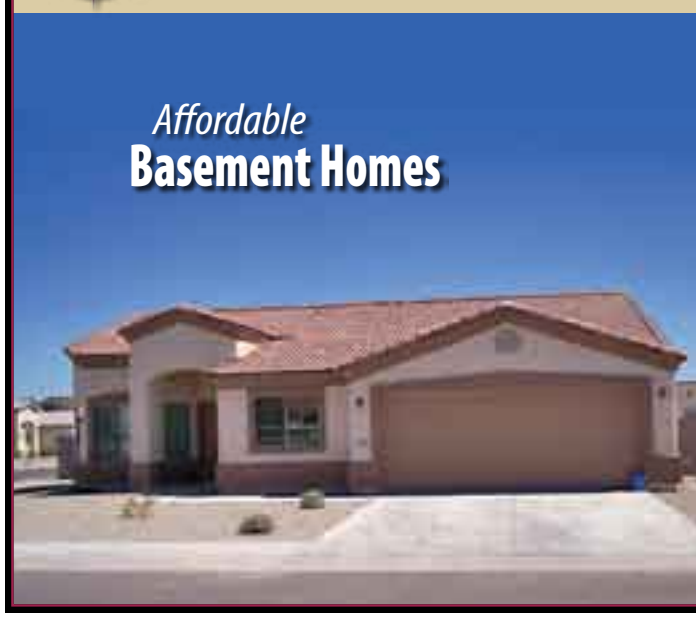

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During the holidays, guest performers—including local performing groups and children's choirs—are featured in shows from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Groups desiring to participate are encouraged to inquire about performance date availability.

This year, Rockin' R Ranch also offers a Family-Style New Year's Eve Celebration, with various and festivities, including welcoming in the New Year at a family-friendly 9:30 p.m.

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Looking forward to New Years' Day, Julee says, "It is a great honor to be selected to participate in the Rose Parade."

Joining her will be Cowgirls Chelsea Neese, Wylene Wilson, Wenda Wilson-Johnson, Kelly Bennett, and Amanda Gomez along with Julee's four daughters: Marjon Brady-Brown, Kelsee Brady, Shanda Brady-Riggs, and Taryn Brady.

"This is a fun thing to be riding with my daughters, representing our family heritage," Julee says, noting their ancestry includes a grandmother who was a rodeo queen and a great-great grandpa who is in the Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Sister Brady says participating in the group has strengthened family ties and provided opportunities to share their beliefs with others.

"The very nature of the group, of trying to preserve our past and be respectful of it, provides so many opportunities and so many things that can be shared about families, about our pioneer history and even about our beliefs about 'a nice ride in heaven' after this life," Julee says

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Talking the talk

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Shelice Millett, Arizona's 2006 Young Mother of the Year, will now be part of an online community called MommyTalk.com, where she will share ideas and parenting tips she uses in raising six children, shown (l to r) Emma, 10; Aaron, 8; Matthew, 3; husband, Jason; Jesse, 2, in front of Shelice; Rebecca, 5, behind her; and Anna, 7.

Photo by Jason S. Millett

MommyTalk.com, a unique new way for parents to gather tips, make friends, share successes and post pictures, offers even more now that the site has joined forces with Shelice Millett, Arizona's 2006 Young Mother of the Year.

Similar to MySpace.com, but with a more focused and safer environment, MommyTalk.com, created by Travis Moss, offers a family-oriented community where individuals sign on as members, then can create family homepages with individual, safe pages for kids.

"You can also craft and customize profiles, upload photos and video, write blogs, receive e-mail and much more, all for free," the site explains.

"MommyTalk.com is the perfect place to go to know that you are not alone in your struggles," says Shelice.

In addition to providing articles that will be posted, Shelice will blog and conduct live forums on the site.

"In these forums, parents can ask questions, and can answer back and forth," she explains, noting that she appreciates the opportunity to mingle with other parents.

"It's going to be an amazing, creative resource in which I can share my experiences and knowledge with other parents and connect with family and friends," Sister Millett says.

Shelice is married to Jason Millett. They are parents of six children, ages 10, 8, 7, 5, 3 and 2. Their seventh is due in May. Shelice serves as a Relief Society teacher in the Val Vista Ward of the Mountain View Stake.

Active, too, in American Mothers, Inc., Sister Millett has served as the chapter's corresponding secretary and, now, as second vice president.

As the 2006 Young Mother of the Year, Shelice often speaks about families and parenting to church gatherings and in the community.

"Representing motherhood, I have had the opportunity to speak to large groups of mothers (and fathers), as well as spend a week at the UN lobbying for motherhood and family to delegates, ambassadors and prime ministers. It is important to me to remember the young mothers who are 'in the trenches,'" she says.

"I love to watch and learn from other parents," Shelice continues. "When I see a parent who is obviously succeeding with his or her children, I always approach them and ask what their secret is."

She hopes to continue this type of exchange on MommyTalk.com and to enlarge her circle of interaction.

"In the Church, I'm used to talking with LDS congregations and, as Young Mother of the Year, I still talk primarily to religious-based groups. However, MommyTalk.com, reaches all of God's children, whether they're faith-based, religious or not. It's reaching out to parents of all backgrounds who are trying so hard in this very scary society today."

Shelice encourages LDS mothers to participate in MommyTalk.com.

"I hope LDS mothers will get on the site and set up a profile. LDS moms have so much to share and contribute," she says.

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Expert teaches jobseekers to INCREASE their "likeability"

By Rachel Faas Trim
The Beehive

Jobseekers should seek first to be likeable.

"Employers don't hire people they don't like," says Don Dayley of the Gilbert Stake's Silver Creek Ward. As a 15-year professional résumé writer, and specialist in the employment industry, Don has spent his career studying job search skills and trends.

"Your challenge," he says, "is to get an employer to like you in a very short period of time. If they are getting to know you through a résumé, you have 10 to 20 seconds to be noticed before your résumé ends up in the discard pile."

Just as the job market has changed over time, so have résumé styles.

"Currently," says Don, "many companies scan your résumé into a database. They then search the database for key word qualifiers, looking for the résumés that have the key words in them. Your résumé must have those key words in it or it will be 'invisible' in the database."

He says keywords describing expertise, education, and experience determine which individuals will be chosen for an interview.

In his class, Don shows various résumé styles. He says experience and skills can be presented in either a chronological or functional format.

Don explains that, to be hired, an individual must be "likeable" in three ways:

- **Visually**—Dress professionally for interviews. Look like you fit in.
- **Audibly**—Prepare your "Me in 30 Seconds" summary in advance. Organize your answers to possible questions. Rehearse what you will say.
- **Written**—Write clearly and concisely. The job application, cover letter, résumé, and follow-up memos must be carefully crafted to impress the future employer.

In addition to having a good résumé, job hunters must learn to network, Don suggests.

"Many jobs are filled before they are published or posted," he says. "Make contacts, do your research about companies, and get to know people within a company. Try to find out which jobs are opening before the public knows. Meet people during the day, and use Internet resources at night.

He suggests checking out sites such as: ldsjobs.org, monster.com, careerbuider.com, bls.gov/oco/ (Occupational Outlook Handbook), indeed.com, careerxroads.com, flipdog.com, wantedjobs.com, and worktree.com.

Don advocates personal attention to "likeability" not only in getting and keeping a job, but also in the process of upward career mobility.

Prior to retiring four years ago, Don served as the Southwest Area LDS Employment Resources Manager for nine years. Previously he managed Deseret Industries for 15 years. Throughout his professional career, he taught and presented seminars on all aspects of job search training. He has written and produced many practical guides, some used internationally.

Editor's Note: For details about Don Dayley's résumé class and other classes taught at the Mesa LDS Employment Resource Center (235 S. El Dorado Circle, Mesa), call (480) 829-8999.

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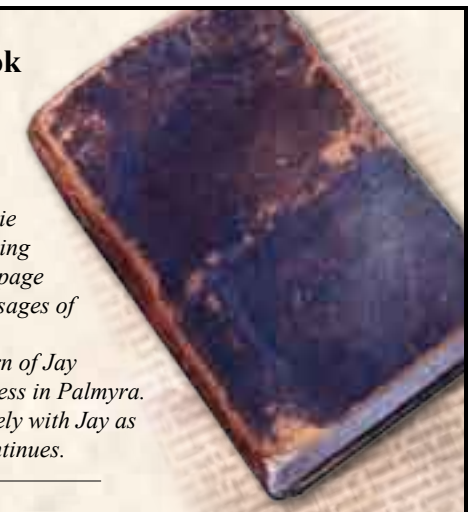

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Gila Valley youth enjoy MUDDY tradition

"Mud Bowl Mania" is a long standing tradition in the Gila Valley, with youth from two stakes and from the college wards all hosting various events.

Photo by Tina Scott

Annual "Mud Bowl" events have become somewhat of a tradition, creating fun and fellowship for Young Men and Women groups and for Institute students in the Gila Valley.

By Tina Scott
The Beehive

Each fall, the Safford Stake holds an end-of-summer "down and dirty" activity for its youth. The caretakers for the University of Arizona agricultural field turn the field into a mud bowl. No one quite remembers when the tradition started, but many of the stake's youth leaders can remember playing in the large, muddy field as teens.

"The Mud Bowl keeps coming back each year," says Safford Stake Young Women's President Carol Konopnicki.

She says there are no organized games, only "organized chaos," which the teens love.

The event is not only a draw for LDS youth, but involves others in the community as well.

"Each year our youth bring more and more of their non-LDS friends; some [who are not LDS] even come on their own," says Sister Konopnicki. This year, a record number of non-LDS youth attended, with six coming from one ward area alone.

The youth and their leaders enjoy the camaraderie, and all seem to do their best to get the muddiest. After the activity, the fire department is on hand to hose down the muddy participants.

This year, participants used a concrete-lined irrigation ditch, first as a water slide; then, later, as a way to clean off.

"Every year I tell myself, 'I'm never doing this again,' and every year I come back," says Tessa Smith. "It's fun in its own way."

Students at Eastern Arizona College (EAC) have adopted the mud bowl tradition as well. Although not directly sponsored by the EAC Institute, a mud bowl event has been planned each of the past five years by the host stake in charge of that year's tri-stake activity.

Institute Director, Wes Wright, says, "They come each year and they don't know if they want to get dirty; then, one by one, they get thrown in. Someone always brings a football, and everyone has a good time."

In the Thatcher Stake, Young Men and Young Women in the Thatcher 6th and 7th wards joined in the muddy tradition this year. Thatcher 6th Ward youth planned the event and Bishop Steve Daley, of Thatcher 7th Ward, flooded a large section of a field owned by his father. By late afternoon, it was full of sloshy mud and eager youth.

"It was just the neatest activity. The kids loved it," says Gail Curtis, 6th Ward Mia Maid Advisor.

Because of the field's proximity to the highway, the activity attracted attention and many travelers stopped to watch. One couple from Texas took pictures, jokingly saying they wanted to show their children what an "Arizona swimming pool" looked like.

"[The woman from Texas] asked me if I could go to lunch with her the next week," says Gail. "They thought it was really good in a community like this that people would get together and do something that was such good, clean fun."

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Mesa Kimball East Stake members ring in the Christmas season

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Many members of the Mesa Kimball East Stake, including Deborah and Tori Wadsworth of the Greenfield Park Ward, have made it a holiday tradition to volunteer as bell ringers for the Salvation Army.

By Jill B. Adair
The Beehive

Many members of the Mesa Kimball East Stake have made a holiday tradition out of serving their community in a unique way. They are bell ringers for the Salvation Army.

During December, each of the stake's 10 wards takes a turn with the red kettles at local stores.

Bishop Brent Bartel of the Greenfield Park Ward, with his family, is a fervent supporter of the service.

"Over the past several years ringing the bell for the Salvation Army has

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become a cherished part of our family's Christmas celebration," he explains. "The service itself has such a nostalgic feel about it. The bell and kettle have not changed much over the years, nor has the satisfaction of providing a warm invitation to contribute to the needs of the less fortunate."

"I also appreciate the opportunity it provides my family to serve the community, well beyond the boundaries of our family, ward or even neighborhood," he adds.

> *"It is an opportunity to give Christian service for another Christian organization that does a lot of good for people in the community."*

Mark Killian, a counselor in the stake presidency, says the stake's involvement began nearly 10 years ago.

"It is an opportunity to give Christian service for another Christian organization that does a lot of good for people in the community," he says.

Salvation Army is an evangelical, nonprofit organization. Famous for its work with people who have fallen on hard times, it offers help to the elderly and the young, to blind and disabled people and to drug addicts; it provides shelter for the homeless and operates food distribution centers.

According to the Salvation Army, the Red Kettle Christmas Campaign raises money to provide food, toys and clothing to over 6 million people during the Christmas season and helps more than 34 million Americans recovering from all kinds of personal disasters nationwide.

Robert Brinton, stake public affairs director, organizes the stake service each year and works with the Salvation Army in Mesa to schedule the kettles and locations.

He says that members of the stake usually collect more than $1,500 annually. Some families simply ring the bell; others dress up in Santa hats or sing Christmas songs.

This year, stake members will begin ringing bells on the first Saturday in December at a local Wal-Mart. Each ward is asked to fill a five and a half hour slot.

"We do not limit those who want to do more," Brother Brinton says, adding that in past years some wards have asked for as many as six more slots for families or youth groups.

He says the enthusiasm has grown, even though some members of the stake had misgivings when the idea was first presented.

Stake leaders supported the idea, noting that this type of service is in keeping with what Church leaders have asked local units to do.

"This is what we do to build a better community," says Brother Brinton.

The LDS Church has worked with the Salvation Army in other situations and activities.

In Arizona, both groups were the first to respond to needs during recent forest fires. In Utah, the Church donated a meetinghouse to the Salvation Army as well as trucks and trailers for use at its thrift stores. In Idaho, the Church worked with the Salvation Army to help fund a temporary shelter for homeless women and families. And in California, the Salvation Army, along with LDS volunteers, helped distribute boxes of food and toys to nearly 500 needy families for Christmas.

Brother Brinton says locally the Salvation Army has been very grateful.

"We've built up a great relationship in this partnership," he says.

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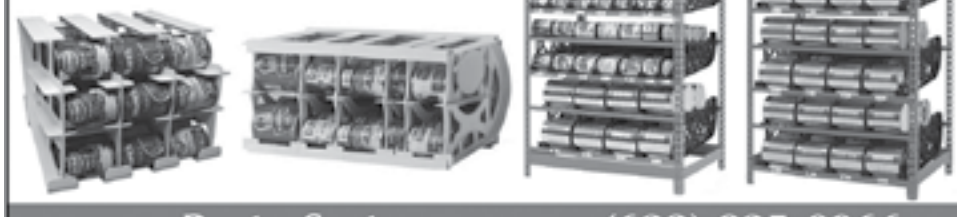

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By Audra Pettit
The Beehive

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By Karen Gardner
The Beehive

Deanna Householder, of the Crystal Shores Ward in the Gilbert Val Vista Stake, decided to create North Star Concierge because she says life is too short and too important to be spent doing things that may be vital, but take away from the things that matter the most.

"Who do you know that couldn't use some more time?" she asks.

Whether it's running errands, preparing meals, doing some light housekeeping, or simply waiting for the cable man to arrive while the homeowner is at work, Sister Householder says she offers more than time savings when she takes on people's to-do lists.

"I'm offering them a life course correction," she explains. "My hope is that they will take that time and focus it toward their personal North Star, whatever that might be."

A stay-at-home mother of two young children, Sister Householder, a BYU graduate with a degree in family science, first got the idea for her business in 1998.

"I love being outdoors. I love being in my car. I love doing stuff for people," she says.

Although she knows some will not be able to afford her services, she would like them to be available to everyone.

"Unfortunately, some of the people that I'd really like to be able to reach are not going to be able to afford it, like the single moms that are working so hard, doing all that they can and need the help so much," she says.

Deanna's long-term plans include finding ways to be able to help those of more modest means, too.

Sister Householder charges $25 an hour for most services, such as errand running, meal preparation and doing laundry and ironing. Some services, like house cleaning, cost more, based on market standards.

In-home waiting for a service or delivery person ranges from $40 for two hours to $75 for four hours with additional charges in 15-minutes increments beyond that.

For holiday giving, Deanna offers gift certificates, meaning individuals can give the gift of time to someone who has everything.

"Just to keep your house running takes so much time," she notes. "By the time you finish, you don't have the time for your kids that you want to. I know I'm not the only one who's experiencing this."

While helping others, Deanna plans to avoid becoming too busy herself.

"I don't want to put myself into the same problem that I'm trying to solve for everybody else," she says.

Sister Householder has formed partnerships with other service-oriented businesses and has hired independent contractors to fill clients' needs and provide them with referrals.

"I think people will look at this [business] kind of like when the cell phone came out," she predicts. "Why do I really need that? It's expensive. And now people almost can't live without one."

Editor's note: For more information about Sister Householder's services, log on to www.northstarconcierge.com, or call (480) 238-5303.

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LDS mother, Deanna Householder, offers the gift of time with her new company, North Star Concierge, providing such services as grocery shopping, running errands, and a variety of other tasks that add up to time savings for her clients.

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Church News article leads to orphanage assistance

By Cecily Markland
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A bakery in Bulgaria, which will benefit an orphanage and provide for many to have a better life, will soon be reality, thanks to an interesting chain of events.

It began when Faun Childers, a member of the Apache Junction Stake, found a Church News, still wrapped in plastic, in her computer room one day.

"I thought that was a little strange, because I like to read them as soon as they come. I wasn't sure why I'd missed it," she says. Faun shared a story in the publication with her husband about an orphanage in Bulgaria where two sister missionaries, because they could speak the language, had been able to offer service and support.

The story told about the conditions at the orphanage and explained that both sisters planned to return to Bulgaria after their missions to adopt an orphan.

Faun's husband, who is not LDS but is active in another faith, listened intently, then said, "It's about time that we stopped talking Christian and start acting Christian."

He urged her, "You go and call them and see what we can do to help."

Sister Childers says the article included an e-mail address for one of the missionaries, so she wrote to her right away.

Three days later, a response came.

"Her e-mail said, 'I had just been praying for help,'" Faun says, "but, she also said, 'Isn't it interesting that you responded to an article written almost three years ago."

Indeed, the paper was from three years ago. Since then, Glyn Barker and Deborah Gardner had formed One Heart Bulgaria, a non-profit, non-denominational organization to benefit orphanages in Bulgaria.

Sister Childers learned, "Whatever you give, you designate whether the money is for clothing, education, medicine or whatever use you see fit."

Faun learned that one orphanage, independent of the One Heart Bulgaria organization, had even had a bakery once.

In addition to providing baked goods and income, the bakery served another important purpose by employing orphanage "graduates."

"In Bulgaria, when students are 18, they are kicked out of the orphanage," Faun explains. "They have no skills, no parents and no soup kitchen to go to."

"They often resort to prostitution, drug dealing, and a criminal life because they know no other way to survive. The Bulgarian business community will not hire former orphans," says Deborah Gardner.

The Childers responded to the idea, committing to raising money to get a bakery started.

They learned that for $6,500 they could purchase a building that would house a bakery on the ground floor with apartments above. Faun says they are nearly two-thirds of the way to that goal and hope to finish raising funds by the end of the year.

"I know what I'm doing is what I'm supposed to do and that Heavenly Father wants me involved right now," she says.

Sister Childers says individuals can donate to One Heart Bulgaria, and, if they'd like, can designate the money to go to the bakery.

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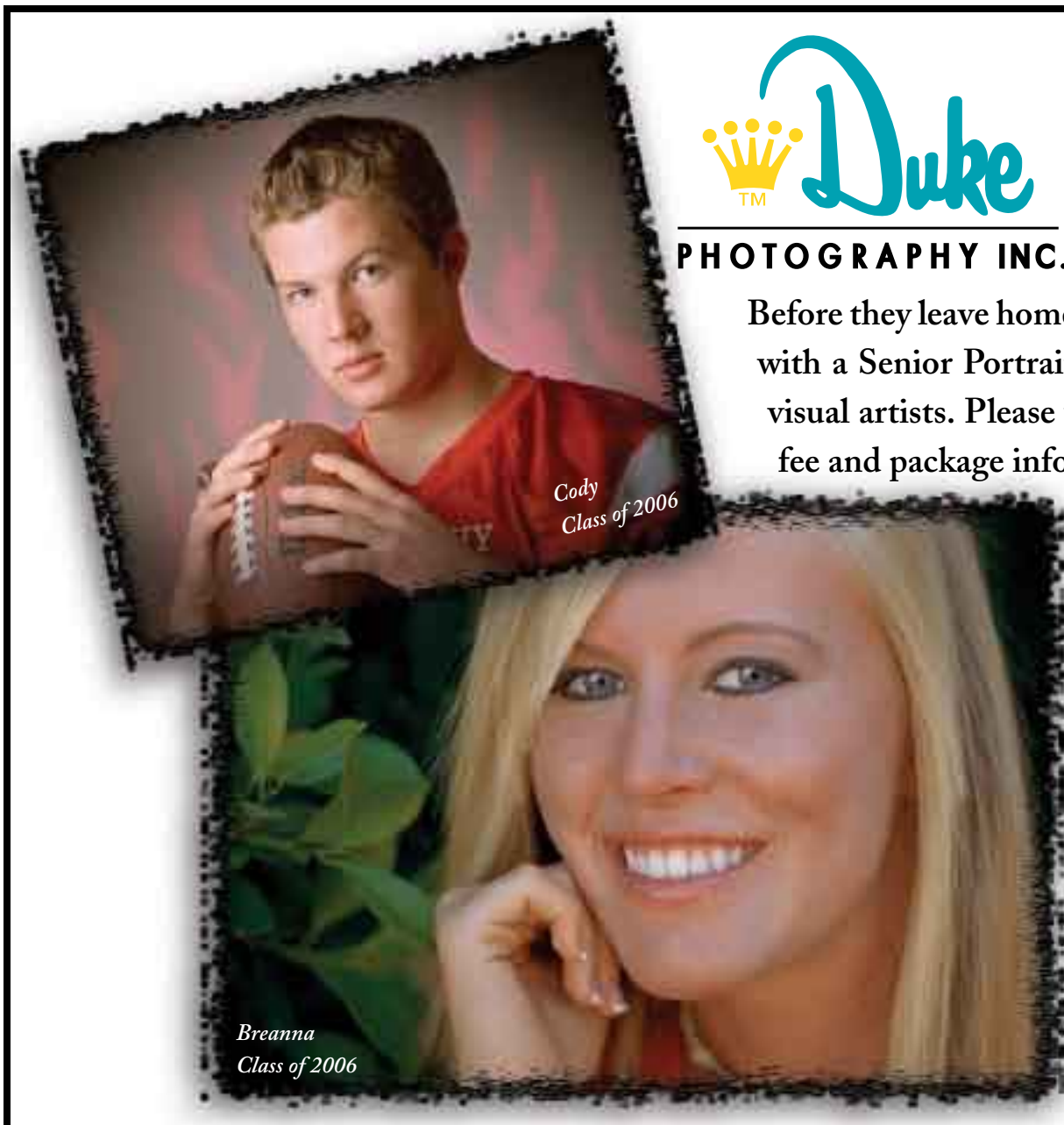

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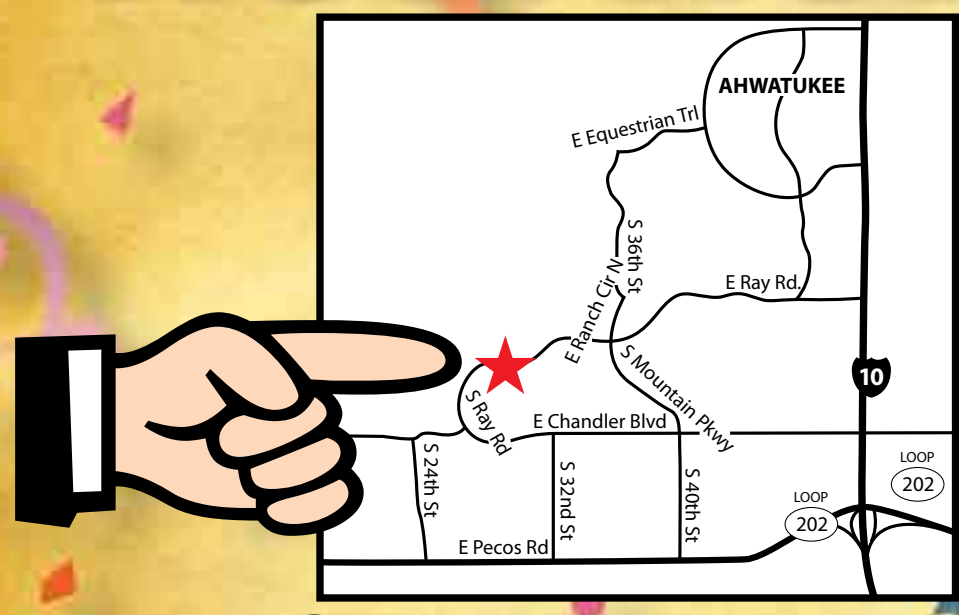

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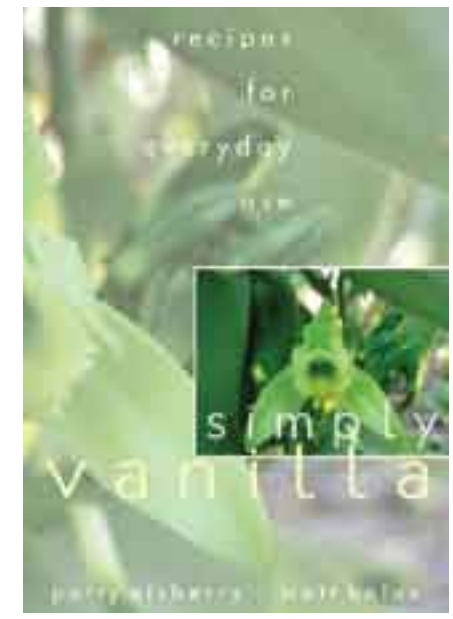

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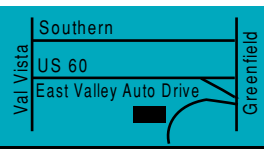

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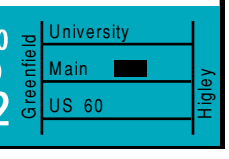

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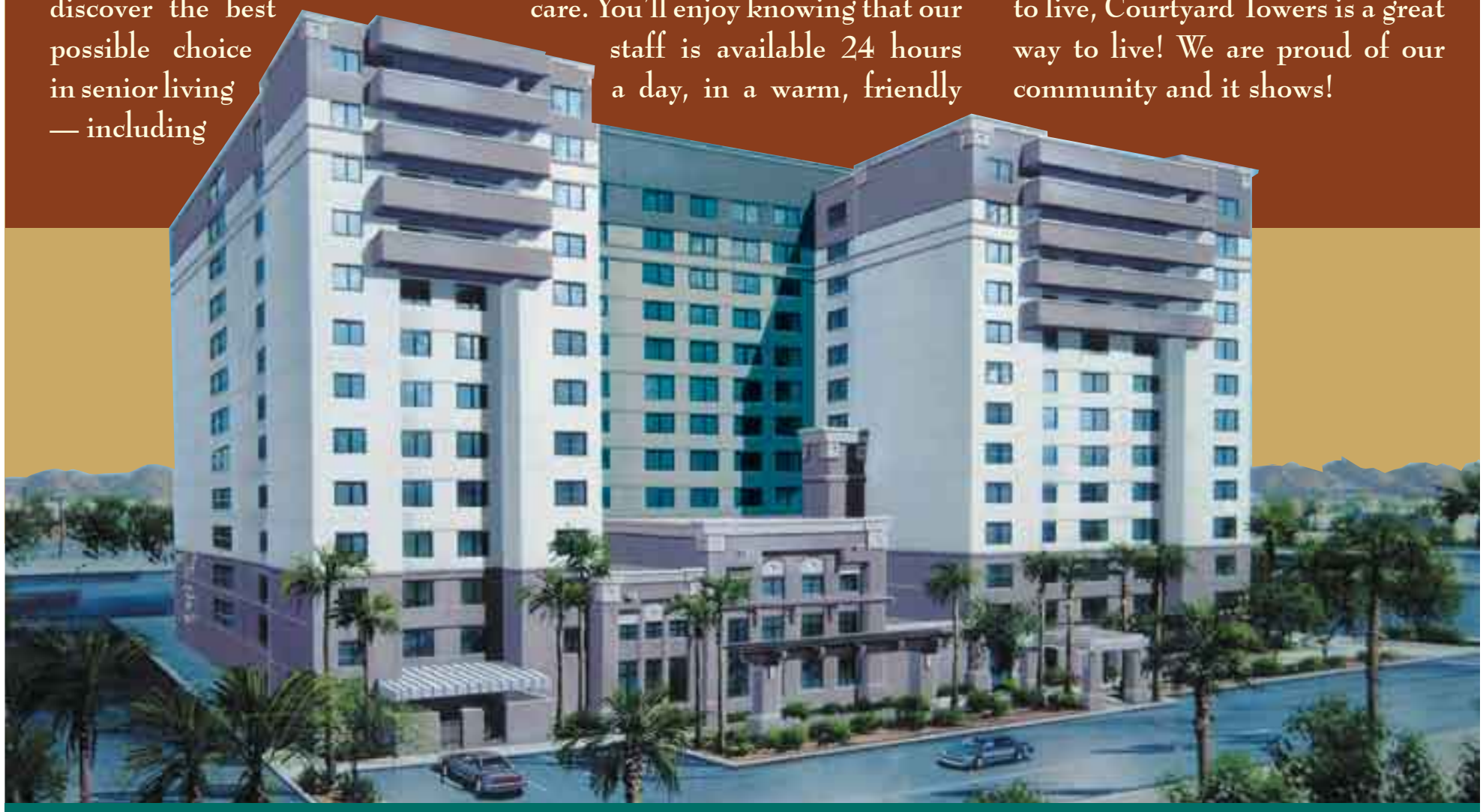

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